

NEWS RELEASE

USDA Forest Service
Prescott National Forest

www.fs.fed.us/r3/prescott/



Date: March 10, 2006

Contact: Debbie Maneely (928) 443-8130

Prescott National Forest Slash Pile Burning

PRESCOTT, Ariz.—Prescott National Forest fire managers will be conducting slash pile burning near the communities of Prescott, Mayer, Crown King, Cherry and also in the vicinity of Hwy 279 near Cottonwood on Saturday, March 11, thru Friday, March 17, weather permitting.

Multiple small smoke columns will be visible throughout these areas. As nighttime temperatures decrease, remaining smoke will settle in lower areas. There will be minimal smoke impact from these projects. Some larger piles may smolder for a couple of days and will continue to be monitored by fire personnel throughout the week

These slash piles are the result of recent forest thinning projects. The goals are to improve forest health and reduce the intensity of a potential wildland fire.

-END-